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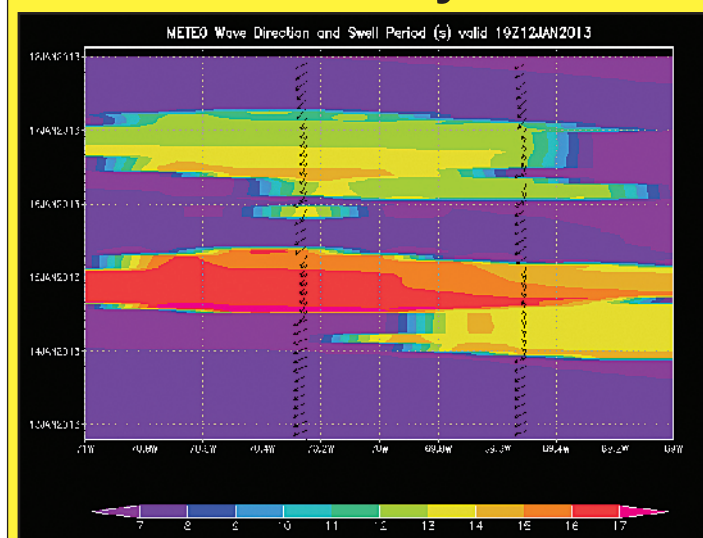
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Weather Advisory for Aruba



ORANJESTAD — The Aruba Metrological Department announces that due to a deep low pressure system over central Atlantic that sends long period swells across tropical Atlantic, some north-easterly swells will influence our coastline. The effect of the swells can be felt mainly by the Arashi/Malmok and low rise hotel area. This condition will last until Wednesday, January 16, 2013. The sea at the north coast will also be rough with possible rip current. Average wave height is 4 to 8 feet. Everyone going to the beach and/or engaged in any kind of aquatic sports are advised to take good notice of this and proceed with caution. This low pressure system also influences the local weather, with the chance of occasional rain during the coming days.

“Love My Body” campaign continues for Carnival 59

Aruba's Minister of Economic and Social Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, confirmed her ministry's support of the “Love My Body” campaign to curb teenage pregnancies, which was inaugurated for carnival two years ago and will be revived for Carnival 59.

The program featured attractive logos, a catchy theme song, featured in TV and radio commercials with local young celebrities delivering the message of being aware and careful of the consequences of unprotected sex. During the carnival season, when there are several parades and parties and the consumption of alcohol is greatly increased, young women are warned to be particularly careful of controlling consumption and their situations.

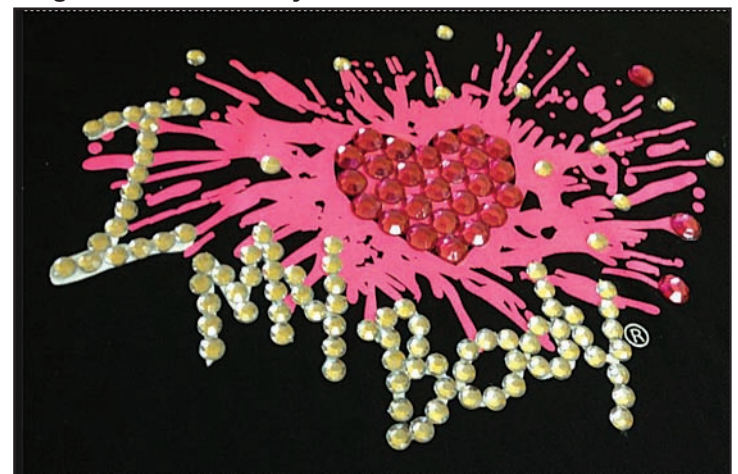
Collaborating on the program that will feature workshops in the middle schools and high schools are the White Yellow Cross, Family Planning and FADA, (Foundation Anti-Droga Aruba) which offers counseling on all manner of substance abuse. Aruba's Youth Parliament has been recruited to provide teen-to-teen discussions of safe sex and conduct that will insure youth of the future they choose.

Statistics show that in the year 2000, teenage pregnancies had reached an all-time of 179; programs were initiated, with a resulting drastic drop to 117 the following year. The numbers steadily climbed through 2008 back to 161, but since the “Love My Body” campaign, they have dropped to 142 last year. Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar expressed the hope that through continuing the program again this year, there will be fewer again.

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Parliamentarian applauds government's import duty reductions



ORANJESTAD -- Last week the government of Aruba announced the reduction of import duty on several electronic apparatus, among these, air conditioners equipped with inverters and certified by AHRI of having a SEER of 18 (Seasonal Efficiency Energy Ratio). The import duty on these air conditioners will be reduced from 22% to a mere

2% as of January 2013! The import duty reduction to 2% will apply to other equipment such as refrigerators, heaters, and wash machines which bare the ENERGY STAR label.

Air conditioners equipped with inverters are known to use much less electricity and are much more efficient, this has been demonstrated.

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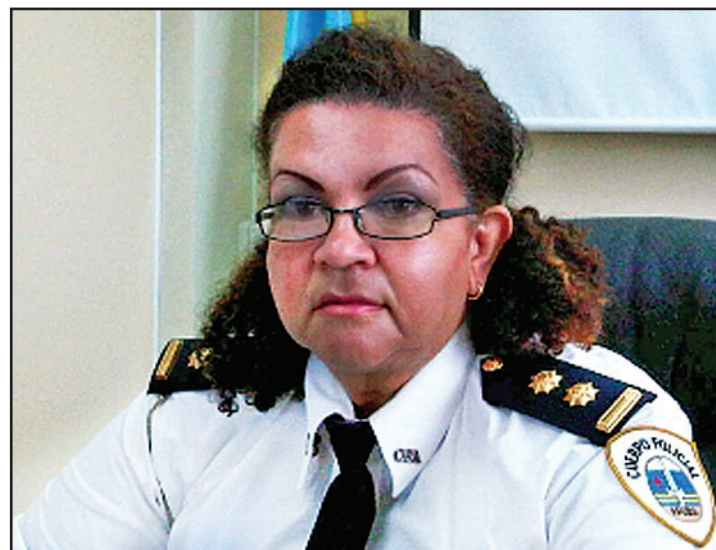
Rules for the maintenance of public order

ORANJESTAD -- This past week, the Aruba Police Force has published the rules for the maintenance of public order during the upcoming carnival parades. The police have informed that they are authorized to issue but **ONE** warning notice. If the warning is not heeded, the police can detain you immediately in conformity with article 190 of our Penal Code, which states: "Anyone who deliberately (defiantly) refuses to comply with an order given by an officer of the law, also anyone who deliberately (defiantly) disturbs, or tries to prevent or interfere with the job of a public servant, may be punished with a prison sentence of maximum three months or pay a fine of maximum Afls.5000."

Article 35 of the General Police Ordinance states: "Anyone who participates at or is present at a parade or manifestation on a public road and is ordered by the police within the context of the public order, to leave the area, must comply with this order immediately and leave the area and go to the direction indicated by the polis."

Article 191 of our Penal Code states: "Anyone who, in an audience or at a location where a public servant is complying with his duty, causes turbulence or after the officer of the law gives the person an order to leave the area, deliberately refuses to comply with the order, may be punished with a prison sentence of two weeks or pay a fine of maximum Afls.120."

Article 192 of our Penal Code states: "Anyone who at a conglomeration of people deliberately refuses to leave the area after being instructed three times by the police, will be considered guilty of participating in the conglomeration, and may be given a prison sen-



Police Commisioner Trudy Hassel

tence of maximum three months or pay a fine of maximum Afls.600.

General Rules:

This year the police will apply the zero tolerance rules very strictly. In conformity with article 147 of the Penal Code, they will not allow public fights and anyone participating in a public fight will be arrested immediately.

1. Insults of members of the Police Force will not be tolerated. Persons guilty of insulting an officer will be arrested immediately if the police feels insulted or offended by either a gesture or words.

2. This year the Police will give but one warning. Everyone is advised to take note of this and to behave decently to avoid any unpleasant moment. Anyone who may be arrested is kindly requested to not resist this so as to avoid more unpleasant moments. The general public is requested to remain calm and not to confront the police as the police will have his groups prepared to act in whatever situation.

Specific Rules:

1. Closure of Roads.

The Police Force, together with DOW may decide to close certain roads for the ce-

lebration of Carnival. It is strictly prohibited to remove barricades for any type of motor vehicle to pass. Anyone who does this may be arrested.

2. Barricades on the Carnival route.

- All non-participants in the parade, must remain behind the barricades placed along the route and are not allowed to

a. Sit on the barricade;
b. Stand in front nor sit below the barricades (neither children)

c. Remove barricades and sit them down.

3. At places where there are no barricades along the route of the parade.

Here the rule applies that at the moment that the parade begins; no one will be permitted to neither stand nor dance in the road, and while the parade is passing by this will be absolutely prohibited. Here again, the rule applies that the Police will warn anyone breaking the rule but once, and if the person does not heed the warning, he may be arrested immediately. It is strictly prohibited to place any object on the road where the parade is to pass.

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"Love My Body" campaign continues...

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Representatives of the various foundations conducting this year's program emphasized the importance of the role of parents in setting an example of drinking responsibly and moderate behavior during the traditional carnival events. FADA's Shermine Maduro recommended families and companies set up two separate refreshment stations, marked by bright colors, once of which will only serve non-alcoholic beverages to teenagers and children. Those tending bar must also be strict in not serving alcohol to minors. The consequences of inebriated youngsters can have long term consequences, usually revealed nine months after carnival has passed.

Rosalie Klein

Government's import duty

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Many households have made the change from conventional air conditioners to the inverter type and have experienced a considerable reduction in their electric bill. Some have reported as much as a 50% reduction! These inverter type air conditioners cost more than the conventional type, but the investment can be recovered within 6 to 8 months because of the savings.

The import duty on Fluorescent and LED lights will also be reduced. These lights use 6 times less electricity and last considerably longer than traditional bulbs. In this way every home can reduce their electric bill by using these

more efficient electrical apparatus.

Parliamentarian Donny Rasmijn applauds the government's efforts to reduce the cost of utilities. WEB has done their part in reducing the cost of water and electricity and by producing water and electricity in a manner much more efficient.

During the deliberations regarding the 2012 budget, Parliament unanimously accepted to reduce the import duty on inverter apparatus. Rasmijn indicated his satisfaction for this substantial reduction and considers this a major accomplishment of the government on behalf of the people.

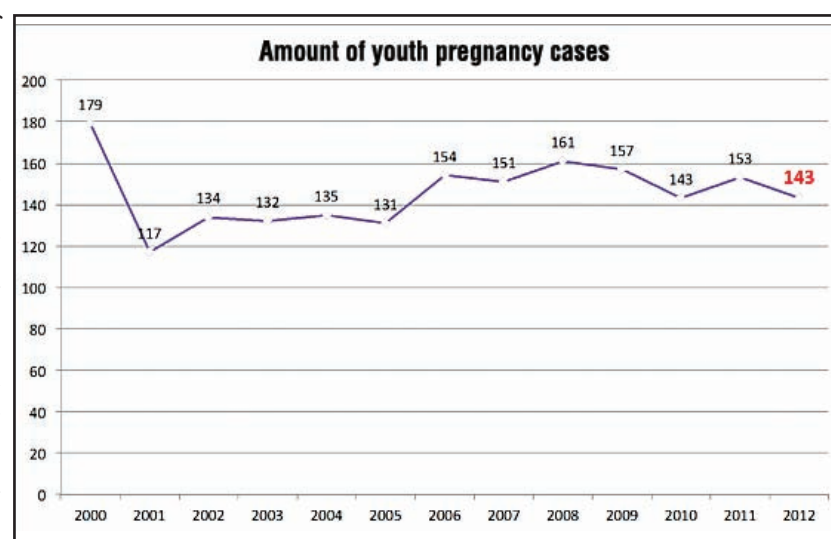
Government supports the "I Love My Body" campaign and workshop

The government of Aruba, this past week, represented by the Minister of Social Affairs, has announced their all out support for the "I Love My Body" campaign that has gained wide attention especially by our young people.

Evelyn Yarzagaray Ras, director of Famia Planea indicated that the topic of sexuality on Aruba is still somewhat taboo in our homes. Many young people have admitted that they do not bring up the subject of sexuality at home.

The alcohol culture, especially during Carnival is very great and adults should be the example. Sexuality is not only a matter of sex; it also has to do with the way we dress and dance. Reportedly, the work that the team does is not limited to the Carnival season, but throughout the year. They do workshops in the schools and provide information to parents.

Monique Labadie of the White Yellow Cross has indicated that..."In 2012 there were 5 cases of young people in the 5th class who delivered babies." Hence, we must begin preparing our young people



from the earliest possible age. Our young people ought to be informed as soon as they enter puberty. It appears that 90% of the cases of teen pregnancies occur when these young people use alcohol and/or drugs. This means that most become pregnant while under the influence. This causes complications for both baby and the mother.

This year the workshop will be more interactive where 3 young people from the EPI will be interacting with the rest of the youth. The government made an appeal to all schools, foundations and other organizations working with young people, to attend the workshop. This way we can all work on

the prevention and awareness which must be part of our combined effort to combat this problem.



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Rules for the maintenance of public order

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4. Passing with motor bikes or bicycles on the parade route where barricades have been placed and the road closed

It is strictly prohibited for motor bikes or bicycles on the carnival route that have been closed to traffic. All bikers and cyclers are requested to arrive before the routes are closed to avoid being sent back. If they fail to comply with Police rules the Police may take away the bike or cycle.

5. Music in front of trucks in the parade

It is prohibited to have loud speakers in front of the trucks driving through certain parades. This measure is taken to protect the participants. Last year an accident occurred which could have been disastrous, but thanks to the rapid action of a police officer the worst was avoided. All group leaders are requested to take note of this measure. If people are dancing in front of the trucks, they must maintain a distance of at least 5 meters from the truck at all times.

6. Dancing/sitting on the roof of truck/trailer during the parade

No one will be allowed to stand or dance or sit on the roof of a truck/trailer that is driving through the parade. This is because of the overhead dangerous electrical wires. Those responsible for lifting these wires must notify SAC in time, and only these persons are permitted on the roof of a truck or trailer.

7. Control of chauffeur under the influence in the parade

Before and during the parade every truck chauffeur will be controlled with respect to alcohol. No driver under any circumstance will be allowed to drive if they are under the influence. If the chauffeur refuses to cooperate with the control or if the result of the control is negative, the chauffeur will be detained and carry the conse-



quences.

8. Walking through participants and carnival groups during the parade and at the end of the parade

It will be prohibited for any one not participating to walk in the carnival route. Nor will participants who may have arrived late to join their group or have already reached the end of the route, to walk alongside to re-join and jump into other groups to dance. These participants will be ordered to go to stand behind the barricades, if they fail to heed the order, they will be detained. Article 35 of the General Police Ordinance states:

"Those participating in a parade or manifestation on public roads who are ordered by the police in keeping with the public order, to leave an area, must comply with said order immediately, and go where they have been directed by the police." All participants are kindly requested to come on time to join their group from the outside and not to walk on the route to try and reach their group.

9. Behavior of members of the press/taking pictures by the public

This year they will not allow any member of the press to disturb the flow of the parade with interviews on the route, crowning participants or by taking pictures or filming. Nor will they allow individuals in the general public to stand on the route to take pictures during the parade, neither obstructing the parade in any fashion. These persons will be warned but once and will be detained if

they refuse to follow Police orders or continue taking pictures.

10. Immoral Acts.

Everyone is kindly requested to behave decently in keeping with our laws of decency in public places. They will not permit any immoral acts on the public road, or along the route, or inside the parade. Do not allow alcohol to dominate your behavior. Articles 244 and 245 of our Penal Code will be applied. Also articles 49 and 50 of the General Police Ordinance.

11. Security in and around trailers

Everyone is advised not to take gas tanks or carbon for BBQ. Fire is a great hazard to our safety and people's lives on occasions such as this where there is such an agglomeration of people. Gas tanks can cause explosions and BBQ pits create trash and smoke disturbance to people. It is advisable to have a small fire extinguisher on hand, and an Emergency Kit and some ice. If there is a knife to prepare food, be sure to keep it out of the reach of those who may be intoxicated or from small children. Keep a watchful eye for children. It is best to leave smaller children at home with proper supervision. Do not bring alcohol in bottles, serve drinks in cups or cans to avoid the danger of getting cut or that they may be used as weapons.

FINALLY

The Aruba Police Force will be there to maintain public order and to guarantee the safety and security of everyone. They are not there to spoil the Carnival spirit. Their wish is for all carnival activities take place in the best of spirits for everyone. They are appealing to everyone to not abuse alcohol and if they are drinking they should not drive. Everyone, including our expatriates is expected to abide by all our rules, to respect these and the orders of the police. Our rules apply to everyone.

Exclusive interview with Jamie Foxx star of "Django Unchained"

With Special Correspondent to The Morning News at the Golden Globe awards, Noel de Souza

"Django Unchained" and its star, Jamie Foxx, have received critical acclaim along with supporting actors Leonardo DiCaprio and Christoph Waltz. DiCaprio and Waltz have been nominated for Golden Globes as has Quentin Tarantino, but Jamie has been sadly left out of the mix. He is taking it all in stride, however, and has even offered to be a presenter at Sunday night's Golden Globe Awards ceremonies.

Noel de Souza flew to New York to meet Jamie at the London Hotel to interview him. He reports he has known him over the years and always found him to be a warm and friendly person; it was no different this time.

NdS: As an African-American actor what was your first reaction when you read the script for the first time?

JF: Any time you deal with slavery and you say slave and you say black man in this day and age even though we have an African-American president you are expected to get a knee-jerk reaction even though we have worked so hard to come this far. I read the script knowing that it was Quentin's and I am also from the south so I had a different interpretation of it. That is the way it was then, the word nigger was used so I understood that but what I saw in the script was the love story of Django and Broomhilda. What a lot of people don't realize is at that period in time if an African-American man fell in love with any woman that either he or she would be



Jamie Foxx in Aruba 2009

killed. And a lot of our existence came from forced copulations. Where they would take the biggest buck in the village and the strongest woman and force them to have sex so that they would have stronger babies. If the black man wanted to marry a woman that would be their demise, so I thought that, that was one of the interesting things in the film. I just loved the script and I knew it would stir controversy.

NdS: What was it like working with Quentin?

JF: What can I say, he inspired us all to be courageous, I cannot express in words the quality that he has. Let me let you into some thing that happened on the set, the movie wasn't supposed to end the way it did, the script had a different ending. He blew the house up out of sequence and after he blew it up, he stood on the rubble and said this is not going to work, and we all looked at him and said what do you mean this is not going to work?

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Dutch special effects expert nominated for Oscar



Erik-Jan de Boer with his Oscar for Best Visual Effects

Dutchman Erik-Jan de Boer has been nominated for an Oscar for the special effects he devised for film *Life of Pi*.

De Boer, 45, has worked in Hollywood for years and was also involved in films *The Golden Compass* and *The Chronicles of Narnia*. *Life of Pi* has been nominated for 11 Oscars.

Dutch film *Kauwboy*, a much-lauded children's film about a boy and a bird, failed to make the foreign film short-list.

Exclusive interview with Jamie Foxx

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And we all left the set and went home. But he stayed and rewrote the ending and let me tell you, it's a better ending than it was in the script. Working with him was a pleasure, he'd play music in between scenes, especially for some tough scenes, it eased the moment. He started out with a strong vision, strong intentions but once we started working he became our friend.

NdS: The way you moved on screen and your ripped body must have got you a lot of female admirers, do you think of yourself as being sexy?

JF: Sexy? Yeah I feel sexy (laughs) I feel very sexy. I don't know. I just feel good about myself.

NdS: When you look in the mirror what do you see?

JF: I feel sexy when I look at myself in the mirror and I talk to myself a lot. (He ends with a laugh)

NdS: On a serious note. What does it mean to you being an African-American in the USA?

JF: I call it the evolution of freedom, when you look at what we had to go through at the time of slavery, it was nothing but pain and misery. But

today we have an African-American president, I'd call that evolving and we are still evolving and that's good. Hispanics and everybody in between. Everybody counts and we are on this earth for a reason. We went through real tough things but now we've evolved and have beautiful moments, look at President Obama, watch his journey and what he has to go through and watch how calm he is about every single thing, whether you're Democrat or Republican or what ever, you just have to appreciate that and like I said that is evolution.

NdS: You are going to be a presenter at this year's Golden Globes and you attended the event several times, so what are your impressions of the event and do you have any anecdotes?

JF: Oh man, it's a whole lot of fun. You know the champagne on the tables and the whole atmosphere, just sort of seeing all the people you've respected or grown up watching and all the new and up-coming ones, the way that the Globes embraces them that means a lot to actors and directors and to the whole industry, to the artistic community. I really am

looking forward to presenting this year. The whole thing is like one big party, it's a little looser than other awards, more fun and one can be themselves. You go from table to table and find out little nuggets about people.

When I was there at the time I did *RAY CHARLES* all I did was take around my cell phone and get people's phone numbers, I got Warren Beatty, I got Clint Eastwood, I didn't call them, I didn't want to bug them, it was just like oh, look I got all these people's numbers. I remember this one particular story, crazy how things happen. I was in a Los Angeles club and I saw Charlize Theron, this was years ago, I did not have a resume and was relatively unknown, I said to a friend that was with me, that's our girl from the movies, she's beautiful man, Charlize Theron right? And my friend goes, yo, yo, black man chill out. Hold on a second. I said no I'm going to go talk to her. He said you can talk to her when you have a gold statue in your hand, you've got to have an Oscar to even approach that, She's amazing. And as



he's talking and saying all this shit, she gets up and leaves. And I say, "She's gone man. I could have been over there talking to her." And this is what is so crazy, years later, there's Charlize Theron at the Golden Globes. And I ask her for her cell number and tell her the story of my friend not allowing me to talk to her because I didn't have a Golden Globe and I said it looks like I'm about to get one. And what was even more crazy, at the Oscar's she was the one who presented me with that gold statue, and I called my friend and said "Hey my brother, I got the Golden Statue

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Russia: Assad's removal from power 'impossible'

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russia said yesterday that removing Syrian President Bashar al-Assad from power was not part of past international agreements on the crisis and was impossible to implement.

"This is a precondition that is not contained in the Geneva communique (agreed by world powers in June) and which is impossible to implement because it does not depend on anyone," news agencies quoted Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov as saying.

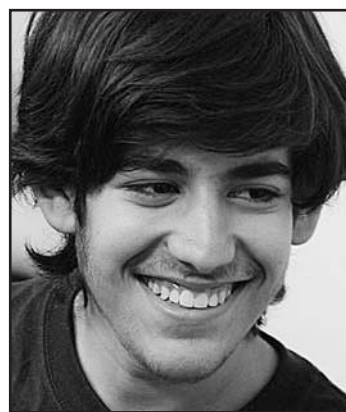
Lavrov conceded that a defiant speech Assad delivered on January 6 calling for peace in Syria on his own terms

probably did not go far enough and would not appease the armed opposition. But he also urged Assad's enemies to come out with a counterproposal that could get serious peace talks started between the two sides for the first time.

"President Assad has forwarded initiatives aimed at inviting all in the opposition to dialogue. Yes, this initiative probably does not go far enough," said Lavrov.

"They will probably not look serious to some. But these are offers. And if I were in the opposition's place, I would present my counter-ideas about establishing dialogue."

Anger at suicide of US Internet activist



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The death of prominent Internet freedom fighter Aaron Swartz, who took his own life at the age of 26, weeks before he faced trial, sparked grief and anger yesterday from online rights advocates.

"Aaron refined advocacy for the progressive and open-information movement," said David Moon, program director for Demand Progress, a grassroots organization that Swartz co-founded to combat Internet censorship.

Swartz, who was just 14

when he co-developed the RSS feeds that are now the norm for publishing frequent updates online and went on to help launch social news website Reddit, hanged himself in his New York apartment on Friday.

He had been due to stand trial in April for allegedly breaking into a closet at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to plug into the computer network and download millions of academic journal articles from the subscription-only JSTOR service.

Swartz had written openly about suffering periodically from depression, but friends and family suggested the looming trial contributed to his suicide and accused prosecutors of being over-zealous in pursuing their case.

Swartz had pleaded not guilty to charges of computer fraud, wire fraud and other crimes carrying a maximum sentence of 35 years in prison and a \$1 million fine.

Grieving relatives mark Italy shipwreck anniversary

GIGLIO ISLAND (AFP) - Grieving relatives of the 32 victims of the Costa Concordia cruise ship disaster laid flowers by the giant wreck yesterday in an emotional one-year anniversary commemoration on the Italian island of Giglio to try and heal the wounds of the tragedy.

Salvage workers on a tugboat also used a crane to lower into the sea a piece of the enormous rock that the Costa Concordia crashed into and then tore from its base before veering sharply and keeling over with 4,229 people from 70 countries on board.

A ship's horn sounded out 32 times under a leaden sky in memory of those who died, echoing across the water as the rock slowly descended into the

sea and tearful families looked on from another ship.

Survivors of the disaster who came for the ceremony relived the panic of that night, when hundreds had to jump into the freezing waters, clamber down a rope ladder in the dark or be evacuated by helicopter after several lifeboats failed to deploy.

Many said they also came to thank local residents who rushed to pluck shivering survivors from the water and bring them food and blankets.

Ten people are being investigated including the ship's infamous captain Francesco Schettino -- who is accused of reckless seamanship and abandoning the ship early -- and three executives from owner Costa Crociere, but a trial is still months away.

Schettino expressed his condolences but blamed his crew for the cruise ship crash in an interview out Sunday.

"From last January 13 and for the rest of my life I will always have something in my heart that will tie me to that event and to the families of the victims," he said in a television interview from his home in southern Italy where he has been confined pending the investigation.

Of the 32 people who died that night, two -- an Indian waiter and an Italian passenger -- are still officially missing.

Salvage workers on Saturday said an unprecedented \$400 million (300 million euro) operation to refloat and remove the ship for scrapping will be completed by September.

Fire threatens top Australian telescope site

Australia's top research observatory home to several telescopes used by scientists from around the world was under threat from wildfires yesterday as hot weather and lightning storms stoked scores of new blazes.

The Rural Fire Service (RFS) of New South Wales, Australia's most populous state, issued an emergency warning for an out-of-control fire raging towards the Siding Spring Observatory, a remote global research facility.

Siding Spring houses 10 operating telescopes run by Australian, Polish, British, Korean and American researchers.

Administered by the Australian National University's research school of astronomy and astrophysics, Siding Spring is the nation's major optical and infrared observatory and one of the top facilities of its kind in the world.

Brother: Chavez not in coma, responding well to treatment

CARACAS (AFP) - The brother of Hugo Chavez has denied that the ailing Venezuelan president is in coma, saying the Venezuelan leader is responding well to cancer treatment in Cuba and making progress on a daily basis.

"Reports that the president is in a coma and that the family is discussing ending life support, are totally false," Adan Chavez, governor of the state of Barinas, said in a statement Saturday. He "continues to respond well to his medical care

and to make daily progress in his recovery."

Chavez, whose OPEC-member nation controls the world's largest proven oil reserves, has been out of the public eye since undergoing surgery in Havana on December 11.

Previously, officials said the fiery leftist leader was suffering from a severe pulmonary infection that resulted in a "respiratory insufficiency". That fueled speculation about his prospects for a full recovery -- and his political future.

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International News

US gun lobby says will defeat assault weapons ban



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The president of the top US firearms lobby said Sunday that his organization has enough backing from lawmakers to defeat a plan to outlaw assault weapons and sales of high-capacity ammunition clips.

David Keene, president of the National Rifle Association, told CNN's "State of the Union," such proposals will not pass, despite recent widespread outrage at the shooting deaths of 26 pupils and staff at a Connecticut school.

"Right now we do," Keene answered, when asked if the

NRA has sufficient support on Capitol Hill to defeat proposals to ban assault weapons, though he said President Barack Obama seemed determined to overhaul current gun laws.

"When a president takes all of the power of the office if he is willing to expend the political capital, you don't want to make predictions, and you don't want to bet your house on the outcome."

"But I would say that the likelihood is that they are not going to be able to get an assault weapons ban through this Congress," Keene said.

US Vice President Joe

Biden met a NRA representative along with other gun rights groups last week as part of a policy review that he pledged will deliver its recommendations to Obama by Tuesday.

After also meeting hunting associations, victim support groups, and mental health and law enforcement specialists, Biden said he had made no decisions on policy responses to the Newtown school massacre and other mass shootings.

Biden has hinted that the White House is considering universal background checks for gun purchasers and a limit on the availability of high-capacity ammunition clips, either through new laws or executive orders issued by Obama.

Keene, however, said he believed there are enough lawmakers who support the American right to bear arms -- enshrined under the second amendment of the US Constitution -- for the NRA to defeat a plan to ban high-capacity magazines.

Armed suspect shot in US movie theater

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - US police shot an armed suspect as he brandished a gun in a San Diego movie theater, where he had taken refuge while trying to evade arrest, a spokesman said Sunday.

Wielding a handgun, the 20-year-old fled after allegedly attacking his girlfriend in a California shopping mall parking lot Saturday, and was eventually tracked down to a nearby multiplex cinema.

Theater-goers were evacuated from a number of screening rooms as officers searched the building, before one located him sitting with other patrons watching "Les Misérables," reports said.

"As the officer approached the suspect, the officer gave the suspect verbal commands to determine if he was armed," said San Diego Police Department spokesman Ernie Herbert.

"The suspect initially complied by raising his empty hands, but then lowered them

quickly into his lap. The suspect raised a handgun and turned it toward the officer.

"The officer shot the suspect and the suspect was taken into custody," he said, adding that the other film-goers were able to get out safely.

The suspect was shot in the arm and the chest, and taken to hospital. He will be booked into the San Diego County Jail when released from hospital, on so-far unspecified charges, said Herbert.

Last week a judge in Colorado ordered 25-year-old James Holmes to face trial over the alleged massacre at a midnight screening of "The Dark Knight Rises" in Aurora last July, which killed 12 and injured at least 58.

The incident revived America's perennial debate about gun control, re-ignited again last month by the shooting in a school in Newtown, Connecticut which left 26 people dead, including 20 young children.

Health & Living

New York declares flu emergency

NEW YORK (AFP) - New York's governor has declared a health emergency over a flu epidemic that has hit more than 19,000 people in the state, and in an exceptional measure cleared pharmacists to immunize infants and children.

To try to curb the spread of the potentially lethal virus, Andrew Cuomo said it was critical to suspend, for the next 30 days, a legal restriction under which New York pharmacists can administer flu vaccines only to patients 18 or older.

His statement came amid a nationwide epidemic expected to last several weeks.

"We are experiencing the worst flu season since at least 2009, and influenza activity in New York State is widespread, with cases reported in all 57 counties and all five boroughs of New York City," said Cuomo.

"Therefore, I have directed my administration, the state health department and others to marshal all needed resources to address this public health emergency and remove all barriers to ensure that all New Yorkers -- children and adults alike -- have access to critically needed flu vaccines."

Already Wednesday, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino had declared a public-health emergency in the city after local health officials confirmed 700 cases of flu -- 10 times the number for the entire flu sea-

son last year.

So far this season, 20 children have died from the flu, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

While there have been at least 28,747 cases reported across the country, the true figure is likely far higher as many who fall ill do not get tested, it added.

Influenza was also rampant in New Jersey.

Specialists and government officials urge public to protect themselves with flu shots.

However, the CDC also acknowledged Friday that influenza vaccines, on average, are only about 62 percent effective. Precaution on the public side is also important.

*Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.

*Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

*Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.

*Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

*If you get sick with influenza, it's recommended that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

Romanian probe on call to sterilise Roma women

BUCHAREST (AFP) - Romanian prosecutors have opened an investigation after a local extremist group launched a call to sterilise Roma women, the Agerpres news agency reported on week-end.

The probe targets the offence of "promoting fascist and racist ideology", prosecutors from the western town of Timisoara told Agerpres.

Earlier this week, NAT88, a nationalist and extremist group based in Timisoara, announced on its website that it would hand "a reward worth 300 lei (68 euros, 90 dollars) to each Gypsy woman (a pejorative term in Romanian) from the region of Banat that shows a medical document proving that she voluntarily underwent sterilisation in 2013."

Three Romanian rights groups condemned the call and asked prosecutors to open an investigation.

"Sterilising women belonging to an ethnic group is a serious attack on that group and on society generally, regardless of the way this is promoted," the Elie Wiesel Institute, Romania's main NGO fighting for Roma rights, Romani Criss, and the Centre for Combating Anti-Semitism (MCA) said in a joint statement.

Romania is home to the biggest Roma community in Europe, numbering 620,000 according to the latest census but up to two million, according to its leaders. Most live in poverty and suffer from severe discrimination in employment and health care.



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Bolivia returns to UN drugs convention with coca opt-out

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - Bolivia has been allowed to return to the United Nations' main anti-narcotics treaty, after winning an opt-out allowing its population to keep chewing coca leaves.

Bolivia withdrew from the UN Convention on Narcotic Drugs last year in protest over the coca leaf being labeled an illegal drug.

Chewing coca leaves is a centuries' old tradition in Bolivia. The leaf is also the raw ingredient for cocaine.

President Evo Morales has been to international conferences protesting the ban. Now the UN has come up with a plan allowing Bolivia to rejoin the convention, with a "reservation" regarding coca leaf chewing.

Re-accession to the treaty would be allowed provided fewer than a third of the convention's 183 member states objected.

A UN spokesman, Eduardo del Buey, said that 15 countries had objected to Bolivia's optout in the 12 month consultations which ended Thursday.

Breathing Exercises:

The Stimulating Breath is adapted from a yogic breathing technique. Its aim is to raise vital energy and increase alertness.

- Inhale and exhale rapidly through your nose, keeping your mouth closed but relaxed. Your breaths in and out should be equal in duration, but as short as possible. This is a noisy breathing exercise.

- Try for three in-and-out breath cycles per second.

This produces a quick movement of the diaphragm, suggesting a bellows. Breathe normally after each cycle. (Do not do for more than 15 seconds on your first try. Each time you practice the Stimulating Breath, you can increase your time by five seconds or so, until you reach a full minute.)

- If done properly, you may feel invigorated, comparable to the heightened awareness you feel after a good workout. You should feel the effort at the back of the neck, the diaphragm, the chest and the abdomen. Try this breathing exercise the next time you need an energy boost and feel yourself reaching for a cup of coffee.



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Sci-Tech

First world atlas on renewable energy launched



ABU DHABI (AFP) - The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) on Sunday launched the world's first atlas on clean energy which will offer open-access information on countries' renewable energy potential.

"The Global Atlas is the largest ever initiative to help countries assess their renewable energy potential, and companies bringing together data and maps from leading technical institutes and private companies worldwide," IRENA said.

"It currently charts solar and wind resources, and will ex-

pand to other forms of renewable energy over 2013 and 2014," the agency announced as it began its two-day annual general assembly in Abu Dhabi.

The online atlas is available on www.irena.org/GlobalAtlas

IRENA said the atlas will also help companies looking to invest in new markets.

"Over the next decade, we expect an enormous increase in investment in the field of renewable energy. Global Atlas will help us make the right decisions," said Danish Climate and Energy Minister Martin

Lidegaard, who chaired a session at the gathering.

IRENA director Adnan Amin said that by 2014 the atlas will include information on bio-energy, geothermal energy and marine energy.

"The Global Atlas provides a powerful new tool in international efforts to double the world's share of renewable energy by 2030" to around 30 percent of the global energy mix, he said.

Thirty-seven countries, including Israel which has no diplomatic relations with the United Arab Emirates, have so far contributed information on their renewable energy potentials to the atlas.

Established in 2011, Abu Dhabi-based IRENA is mandated by 159 countries and the European Union to promote the sustainable use of all forms of renewable energy.

Its meeting comes as part of Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week which includes the Future Energy Summit, the International Water Summit and the International Renewable Energy Conference.



LONDON (AFP) - A 19th century steam train took passengers for a rare ride on the London Underground on Sunday to mark the 150th anniversary of the world's oldest metro system. A red and black locomotive dating from 1898 and specially restored for the occasion ran between Kensington Olympia station in west London and Moorgate station in the financial district. It was pulling the oldest operational Tube carriage, which was built in 1892, a set of four carriages from 1898, and a vintage electric locomotive.

London mayor Boris Johnson, who was among the passengers, said: "It was just extraordinary. "We had steam coming in through the windows, huge thick clouds of white steam going past and then bits of soot coming through from the engine." The last regular steam train service on the London Underground network -- more than half of which is actually overground -- ran in 1961. The London Underground opened on January 10, 1863 and a century and a half later the Tube runs for 250 miles (402 kilometres), linking 270 stations and carries passengers on 1.1 billion journeys per year.

VP Biden: no 'silver bullet' to fix gun violence

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Vice President Joe Biden said there was "no silver bullet" available to beat the complex scourge of gun violence as his policy task force sat down with video game producers.

With another firearms metaphor, Biden said he was "shooting for Tuesday" to send his recommendations to President Barack Obama, who promised to use his power to try to prevent new outrages after a school massacre in Connecticut.

Biden sat down with executives of video game and software firms amid speculation over the role violent content of so-called "first person shooter" games has on disturbed users who later turn to real-life violence.

The vice president questioned whether there had been a "coarsening of our culture" over the years, but admitted he did not know the answer to the question.

Biden has been meeting all the "stakeholders" with interests in the guns issue, including victims of violence, law

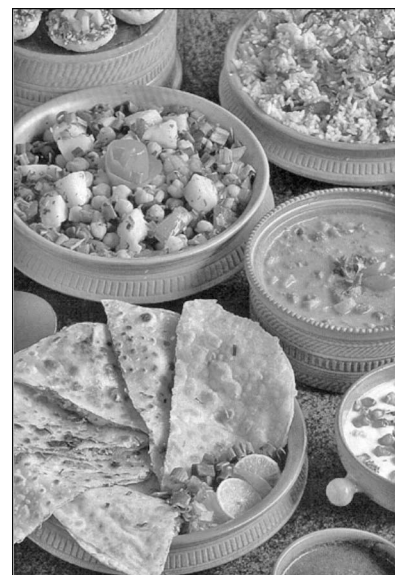
enforcement organizations, hunting groups and members of the gun lobby.

On Thursday, the National Rifle Association said that Biden cared more about stamping out gun rights than protecting school children after its representative attended a meeting with Biden.

The NRA has called for armed guards at all US schools and opposes efforts by Democrats to reintroduce a ban on assault weapons and other reform efforts.

Biden hinted this week that the White House was looking at universal background checks for gun buyers and to limit the availability of high-capacity ammunition clips, either through new laws or executive orders by Obama.

Obama gave Biden until late January to come up with policy ideas after attending a moving vigil for the 20 children and six adults killed by a gunman spraying bullets from an assault rifle in Newtown, Connecticut on December 14.



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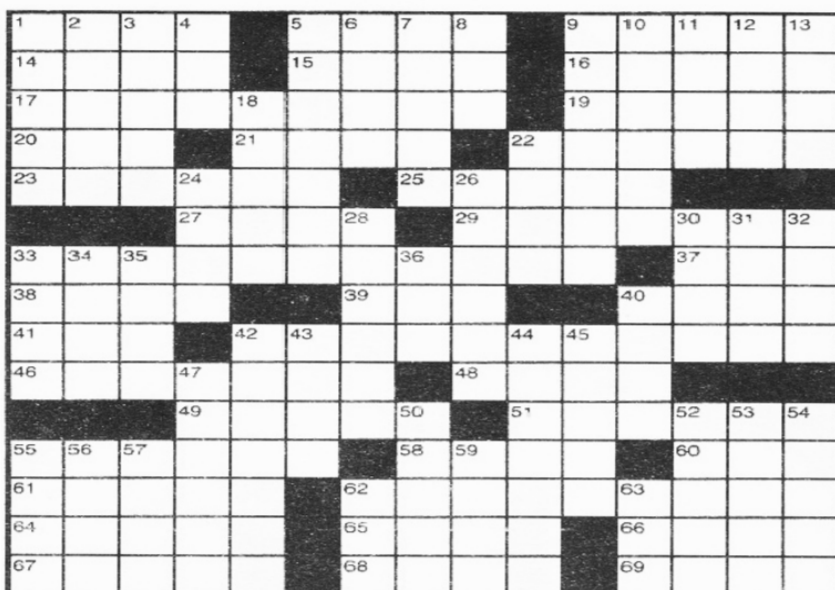


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 17. Elementary
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 21. Break
 22. Arboreal
 23. Experimenter
 25. Internet memos
 27. One opposed
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 33. Callously tough
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 38. WWII alliance
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 40. MTV's "___ Flux"
 41. Mathematician's grouping
 42. Impudent
 46. Tenor Domingo
 48. "Arabian Nights" number
 49. Australian
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 58. Garfield's friend
 60. Extinct bird of New Zealand
 61. Mr. T's group
 62. Arid
 64. Singer

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1. Lamb's lament
 2. Time off
 3. Desert sites
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 6. Blackjacks
 7. Finest part
 8. Chewed
 9. "Seated Bather" and "La loge"
 10. Boog or Brooks, once
 11. Cadre
 12. Sympathetic response
 13. Square one
 18. Circus spot
 22. "Mending ___" (Frost poem)
 24. Small boys
 26. Rum and curacao cocktail
 28. Mass arrival
 30. Vicinity
 31. Couples
 32. Hankerings
 33. Door fastening
 34. Figure-skating jump
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 44. Parties
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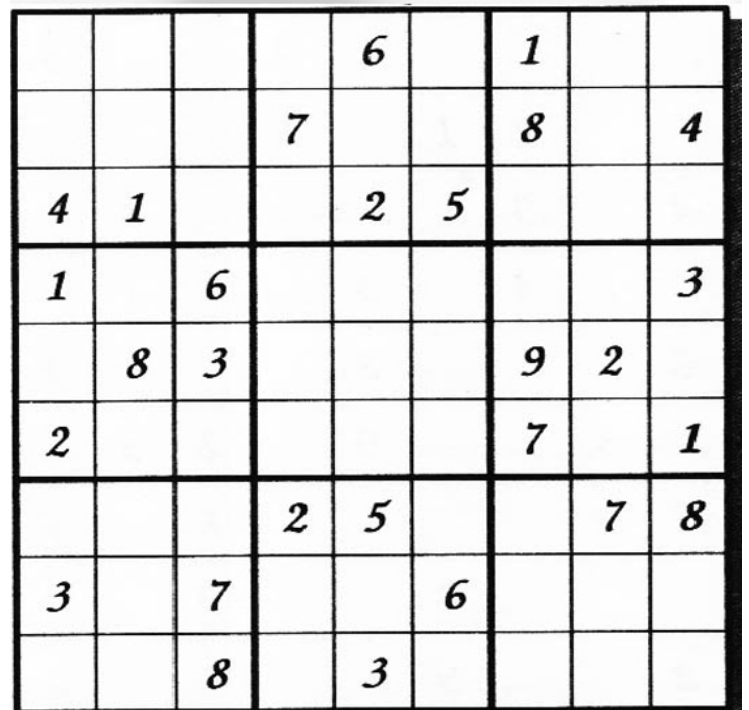
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FINANCE

Ford takes next step of Lincoln overhaul with luxury crossover

DETROIT - Ford Motor Co will unveil this week a luxury crossover designed to help the company gain a foothold in a fast-growing and profitable segment of the U.S. luxury automotive market.

Today, at the Detroit auto show, the No. 2 U.S. automaker is unveiling a concept version of its Lincoln MKC, an entry-level luxury compact crossover that shares its underpinnings with the Ford Escape.

Ford is betting that a strong showing in this burgeoning segment will reverse a two-decade sales decline for Lincoln, a brand better known for the Town Car and presidential limos.

Last year, Lincoln sold a little more than 82,000 vehicles in the United States, slightly less than sales of the Ford Mustang, a retro muscle car last redesigned in 2005.

Many analysts said that while Lincoln's lineup has improved in quality and design,

the brand's lackluster image remains an obstacle. The company is hoping to shed that image and take advantage of the momentum in the U.S. luxury auto market, which Ford predicts will outpace the broader industry this year.

Ford expects a 7.5 percent growth in the U.S. luxury auto market, compared to 4.5 percent growth among mass-market brands.

Ford is hoping to revive the Lincoln brand through a combination of new models and an aggressive marketing strategy that includes the brand's first ever Super Bowl ad this year. The company also rechristened the brand the Lincoln Motor Co in a nod to the nameplate's heritage.

The MKC is the second of four core models that Lincoln will pitch to a growing group of buyers who appreciate warmth and "discreet luxury" and avoid overt symbols of wealth.



AFGHANISTAN, Herat : An Afghan girl walks through a garbage dump in the outskirts of Herat on January 12, 2013. Over a third of Afghans are living in abject poverty, as those in power are more concerned about addressing their vested interests rather than the basic needs of the population, a UN report said. (AFP PHOTO)

Treasury, Fed oppose using platinum coin to avoid debt ceiling

-- The U.S. Treasury Department and Federal Reserve oppose the idea of minting platinum coins as a way to avoid the U.S. debt ceiling, according to a statement from Treasury spokesman Anthony Coley.

"Neither the Treasury Department nor the Federal Reserve believes that the law can or should be used to facilitate the production of platinum coins for the purpose of avoiding an increase in the debt limit," Coley said in an e-mailed statement yesterday.

Amid Republican opposition to raising the debt ceiling without spending cuts, some Democrats including House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi have proposed invoking the Constitution's 14th amendment and minting a platinum coin with a face value of \$1 trillion to pay government bills.



and the Treasury Department is using what it calls "extraordinary" measures to finance the government. The Congressional Budget Office estimates those steps will be exhausted by mid-February.

"There are only two options to deal with the debt limit: Congress can pay its bills or it can fail to act and put the nation into default," according to a statement issued by the White House yesterday.

"When congressional Republicans played politics with

this issue last time, putting us at the edge of default, it was a blow to our economic recovery, causing our nation's credit rating to be downgraded," the e-mailed White House statement says. "The President and the American people won't tolerate congressional Republicans holding the American economy hostage again simply so they can force disastrous cuts to Medicare and other programs the middle class depend on while protecting the wealthy. Congress needs to do its job."

The U.S. reached its statutory borrowing limit Dec. 31

Report: Another fuel spill hits Boeing 787

TOKYO (AFP) - A Japan Airlines Boeing 787 suffered a fuel spill yesterday for the second time in a week, a report said.

The latest incident happened at Tokyo's Narita Airport, Jiji Press newswire reported, while the aircraft was being checked following a fuel spill on Tuesday in Boston.

The airline could not be reached for comment about the report.

On Friday US regulators announced an in-depth safety review of the 787 Dreamliner after a recent spate of incidents involving the new high-tech aircraft.

JAL, along with fellow Japanese firm All Nippon Airways, is one of Boeing's most important clients for the 787 with 45 orders.



CHINA, BEIJING : AFP picture taken on January 12, 2013, shows a Chinese woman walking with her baggage on her back along a railway line in Beijing. China's economy is poised finally to end a long downward trend in 2013, economists polled by AFP say, as the new communist leadership vows to retool the nation's investment-led development model and promote a "happy life" for all.

GM boss: Opel losses to last until at least 2014

BERLIN (AFP) - The head of General Motors in Europe said yesterday that losses at its struggling German arm Opel would continue for at least two more years and possibly longer depending on market trends.

"We will be in the red in 2013 and 2014," Steve Girsky told Focus magazine in an interview. "In 2014, hopefully a bit less. Balanced books will only be achieved in 2015 or 2016, depending on the market situation," he added.

GM's European operations have run up billions of dollars in losses over the past 10 years. It had planned to sell Opel at one stage but pulled back when it could not find a suitable buyer.

Battered by a declining Eu-

ropean car market, Opel announced in December that it would halt auto production at its Bochum plant in 2016 but pledged to keep the site running as a parts distribution centre.

Opel employs 37,400 people in Europe, including 20,300 at four sites in Germany, in Ruesselsheim, Bochum, Eisenach and Kaiserslautern.

Opel boss Thomas Sedran told Focus: "We do not plan further site closures."

Last week, he insisted that "Opel was not for sale" amid rumours of a tie-up between the German firm and struggling French group PSA Peugeot Citroen.

SATURDAY'S Crossword Answer

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ASTRO	TONY	ACAD
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Carnival "Gangnam Style" at Paseo Herencia was a huge hit



SVGA models and EPI students

--Aruba's middle school for vocational training, Educativo Profesiunl Intermedio or EPI, has four separate schools offering programs in various fields, including social work and being caregivers for the elderly or mentally challenged.

This year, 2nd Class instructor Lysah Lo decided instead of giving their usual written midterm, she would send her students out into the field for a practical application of what

had learned. They were divided into teams of five and were instructed to explore Aruba's various foundations, then select one for a program the students must conceive, plan and finance from start to finish.



a skilled breakdancer

The group consisting of Rachelle Kock, Juleisy Castillo, Leidy Carvajal, Yanaika Ras and Carolina Arends elected to work with residents of Cas Sjabururi and Ambiente Felis, two homes that care and cater to the mentally challenged.

One of the most joyful times of year for the residents of the two homes is Carnival; they love the music and love to dance. The EPI students planned a Carnival Fashion Show with Cas Sjabururi and Ambiente Felis members as

models, with all costumes to be made of only recycled materials. The result was an ebullient evening of fine fashion and a remarkable demonstration of dancing talent on the main stage of Paseo Herencia Shopping Center on Friday evening, January 11.

"We were very proud to host this delightful program and showcase the creativity and sensitivity of our next generation of social workers," commented Paseo Herencia Marketing Manager Candy Rasmijn-Reino.

The lively show was punctuated with the phenomenal novelty pop hit "Gangnam Style" from South Korean singing star PSY, which perfectly set the mood for the night. Six models from Ambiente Felis, Isabel Chayadi, Johanna Dirks, Raymond Every, Eldrick Ras, Gabriel Dirks and Donicio Richardson, paired with Cas Sjabururi residents Eldrick Kock, Joanne Kock, Di-angelo Baptist, Dede Yarzagaray, Diana Mariana and Jeannette Henriquez to demonstrate they could break dance and shake it up on the runway, for a rousing program.

The costumes they modeled were made from recycled plastic cups, straws, magazines, newspapers, telephone calling cards, bottle caps and ice cream sticks, which were beautifully deployed to pro-



Everybody doing Gangnam Style



A joyous night for all involved

duce striking outfits.

The EPI students report working with the mentally challenged on the project was an exhilarating and lively experience. "They are always loving, kind and enthusiastic. They enjoy every bit of attention they get, and it was a real education for us," commented one of the students.

They particularly expressed their gratitude to Paseo Herencia and their Masters of Ceremonies for the evening, Gislaine van der Linden and Junior Tromp, as well as DJ Marlon for an excellent job on the music. An audience of island resident and visitors thoroughly enjoyed this window into island life. At the end of the show, Aruba's outgoing Carnival Youth Queen Edelysse Marlyss Davinah

Nicolaas joined Lysah Lo in distributing certificates and gifts to all the participating models.

by Rosalie Klein



Models show off costumes of recycled materials



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Steak on a Stone-Le Petit Café's specialty



In a time when dining choices and critiques are based on value for your dollar, an old favorite, Le Petit Café, still offers one of the best values not only in price, but quality,

quantity and ambiance.

Le Petit Café in Palm Beach offers charming surroundings reminiscent of a European outdoor café. Surrounded by Old World

gaslights and an abundance of flora, it provides a delightful and romantic setting. Taking advantage of their Early Bird Special not only offers a great price for a delicious meal.

The Early Bird special offers a choice of a full sized chicken breast, a hefty portion of filet mignon or fresh grouper fillet accompanied by a well-stuffed baked potato, rice or french fries. There is a choice of soup or salad as a starter, and ice cream for dessert, all for a modest \$24.95; an unbeatable price for a great meal on Aruba!

Cooking your main course on the stone is a supremely healthy method of preparation, seasoned to perfection and using no fats or oils. Fish in particular is excellent; extremely moist and tasty. A thick cut of filet mignon usually requires cutting into smaller sections to cook fully, especially if your preference is medium-well to well done.

Le Petit Café is particularly well known for its "Land and Sea" specialty, filet mignon and lobster tail; a gourmet treat when served in their sig-



Fish on a Stone

nature fashion. The restaurant also offers a diverse menu of pastas and tempting gourmet appetizers such as seafood crepes, crispy calamari, and escargot. For family members in the mood for something different there are several dishes to choose from, such as chicken parmesan, so a large family with different ideas of what they want for dinner can easily be accommodated.

We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and Le Petit Café has

also long been famous for the best value for breakfast on Aruba. They still offer a full breakfast for \$9.99, another unbeatable value!

Le Petit Café also serves Lunch! Le Petit Café is located at The Playa Linda Beach Resort, so whether you are staying in Oranjestad, Palm Beach or Eagle Beach, La Petit Café restaurant can be found only a short way from your resort, a perfect way to begin or end your day!

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches



and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of

Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great

demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the

investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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Sport

Alpine skiing: Maze makes it a clean sweep



ST ANTON (AFP) - Overall World Cup leader Tina Maze of Slovenia became only the sixth woman skier to win races in all five Alpine disciplines with victory in the World Cup super-G here on Sunday.

The 29-year-old finished four-hundredths of a second ahead of Anna Fenninger of Austria and .99 of a second clear of Switzerland's Fabienne Suter, for her sixth victory of the season.

Lindsey Vonn of the United States, who won the first two super-G races of the season, was a hundredth of a second away from a place on the podium in fourth.

Maze, one of the few all-rounders on the circuit, has won 17 races in all, 12 giant slaloms, one downhill, two super-combined, a slalom and now a super-G.

She is now virtually assured of the overall World Cup title at the midway stage of the season, having finished in the top three in 13 of the 20 races so far and holding a 550-point advantage over her closest rival, Maria Hoefl-Riesch of Germany, who was fifth in St Anton.

Maze has also moved to within 20 points of leader Vonn in the super-G standings.

Golf: Oosthuizen storms back to win Volvo Champions



DURBAN (AFP) - South African Louis Oosthuizen stormed back in the final round of the Volvo Golf Champions at Durban Country Club on Sunday to shoot a six-under-par 66 and win the title by one stroke.

Oosthuizen entered the final round five shots adrift of leader Scott Jamieson from Scotland, who finished second after a final-hole chip to force a play-off came agonisingly close to dropping.

Former paratrooper Thongchai Jaidee of Thailand ended third a further shot behind, Irishman Pádraig Harrington was fourth and Julien Quesne of France and Englishman Danny Willett shared fifth spot.

"What a great week for me and I played really well today," said Oosthuizen after receiving the trophy.

Oosthuizen posted rounds of 68, 64, 74 and 66 for a 16-under-par total of 272 and succeeded compatriot Branden Grace as winner of the opening European Tour event this year.

It was the sixth success on the European circuit for the 2010 British Open champion and victory in perfect summer conditions lifted him two places to fourth on the world rankings.

The 30-year-old from Mossel Bay in the western Cape birdied four holes on the front nine and another three coming back before dropping a stroke on the par-four 16th, where he misread and pushed a short putt.

Pars at the final two holes seemed to have sealed success in the two million euro (\$1.3 million) tournament as Jamieson battled to create final-day birdie opportunities while chasing a second win in Durban within two months.

But the 29-year-old Glasgow-born winner of the Nelson Mandela Championship in the Indian Ocean city during December almost snatched a last-hole eagle with his chipped second shot trickling within millimetres of the pin.

Jamieson started his final 18 holes promisingly with birdies at three and four only to double bogey the par-four fifth and turn in a level 36, leaving him a solitary stroke ahead of Oosthuizen.

After six consecutive second-nine pars, he bogeyed 16, parred 17 and birdied 18 to end with a level-par 72 while Thongchai carded a 68, Harrington a 68, Quesne a 71 and Willett a 68 of five European titles last season, was always playing catch-up after an opening 75 and although he closed impressively with a five-under 67, ended six strokes behind Oosthuizen.

Lazio close gap as plucky Parma hold Juve

MILAN (AFP) - A 2-0 home win over Atalanta boosted Lazio's Serie A title ambitions after champions and leaders Juventus were held to a 1-1 draw away to Parma on Sunday.

Lazio began the second half of the season trailing Juve by five points but sealed their 13th win of the campaign thanks to goals from Sergio Floccari and a Davide Brivio own goal.

With Juve settling for a share of the spoils after Nicola Sansone levelled Jonathan Biabiany's earlier own goal, it left Vladimir Petkovic's side just three points adrift in second with a two-point lead on Napoli.

Inter Milan had leapfrogged Napoli into third thanks to a 2-0 home win over Pescara on Saturday, but Napoli re-established order with a convincing 3-0 home win over Palermo.

Inter now sit fourth, seven points behind Juventus but three clear of Fiorentina after La Viola suffered a shock 3-1 defeat at the hands of on-form Udinese.

A week on from their 3-0 home rout over Inter, Antonio Di Natale scored his second consecutive league brace as Udinese claimed their seventh win of the campaign to move one place up to eighth.

AC Milan, meanwhile, were left in seventh place after escaping from Sampdoria with a scoreless draw instead of claiming the win that would have allowed them to leapfrog Roma into sixth.

The Rossoneri struggled to

get into their stride at the Luigi Ferraris stadium, with the club's top scorer, Stephan El Shaarawy replaced by Robinho halfway through the second period.

Elsewhere, Cagliari moved out of the bottom three at the expense of Genoa after sealing a 2-1 win over the visitors thanks to Daniele Conti's 82nd-minute winner.

Only days ago Petkovic had claimed Juve already have one hand on the title, but Lazio are now the champions' closest challengers.

After their shock home defeat to Pescara last week, Fiorentina were there for the taking by a Udinese side which is currently on fire.

Fiorentina took the lead at the Stadio Friuli when Gonzalo Rodriguez rose above the defence to smash a header off the crossbar and into the net via the head of 'keeper Zeljko Brkic.

But Di Natale levelled from the spot for the hosts and then broke through the Viola defence to beat Norberto Neto for a 14th league goal which put him second behind Napoli's Edinson Cavani's Serie A-leading tally of 16.

Udinese confirmed their superiority barely a minute later when Colombian striker Luis Muriel beat Neto with a right-foot strike.

Fiorentina host Roma in an Italian Cup quarter-final in midweek, and despite defeat coach Vincenzo Montella said: "The team played well but we were punished by the opportunities Udinese had."



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NFL: Ravens shock Broncos, 49ers oust Packers

DENVER (AFP) - Justin Tucker booted a 47-yard field goal in the second overtime Saturday to give the Baltimore Ravens a wild 38-35 victory over the Denver Broncos in the second round of the NFL playoffs.

The improbable victory means Baltimore veteran Ray Lewis -- who says he'll retire at the end of the season -- isn't done yet, while quarterback great Peyton Manning's stellar first season in Denver ended on a disappointing note.

The Ravens advanced to the American Conference (AFC) championship game, where they will face either New England or Houston for a berth in the Super Bowl. The NFL championship spectacular will be played in New Orleans on February 3.



Justin Tucker #9 of the Baltimore Ravens kicks a successful 47-yard game-winning field goal

In San Francisco, the 49ers advanced to the National Conference (NFC) championship game with a 45-31 victory over the Green Bay Packers.

San Francisco signal-caller Colin Kaepernick, making his post-season debut, recovered from an early interception to set an NFL rushing record for a quarterback with 181 yards and two scores. He also threw for 263 yards and two touchdowns -- both to Michael Crabtree.

Kaepernick, a Wisconsin native who was a fan of the Packers as a youngster, outplayed reigning NFL Most Valuable Player Aaron Rodgers, who threw for 257 yards, two touchdowns and an interception.

Kaepernick got off to a rocky start when Green Bay's Sam Shields picked off his second pass of the game and returned it 52 yards for a touchdown.

The 49ers set a club record for most yards in a playoff game with 579, surpassing their total of 537 yards in a Super Bowl win over Miami after the 1984 season.

In Denver, Tucker's deciding field goal came four plays after the Ravens' Corey Graham intercepted Manning in Broncos territory for the second time of the game.

Baltimore quarterback Joe Flacco had connected with Jacoby Jones on a 70-yard touchdown pass with just 31 seconds left in regulation to tie the score at 35-35 and force overtime.

Flacco also hit Torrey Smith for a pair of touchdowns earlier in the game, finishing with 331 passing yards.

Ray Rice contributed 131 rushing yards and a touchdown.

Manning entered the matchup having beaten the Ravens nine consecutive times -- including a pair of post-season contests -- during his long tenure with Indianapolis. He threw for 290 yards and three touchdowns and the two interceptions.

The Broncos, who had won their last 11 regular-season games to claim the top seed in the AFC and a first-round bye, endured their first playoff loss at home since 1996.

Speedster Trindon Holliday delivered a stand-out performance in the defeat, returning both a punt and a kickoff for Denver touchdowns and establishing an NFL playoff record for the longest return for each.

"Unless you're hoisting that Lombardi Trophy at the end, it's disappointing," said Broncos head coach John Fox. "We had plenty of opportunities in this game, we just came up short."

Strikeforce: Gegard Mousasi wins Mike Kyle in the first round



OKLAHOMA CITY - Former Strikeforce light heavyweight champion Gegard Mousasi submitted Mike Kyle at 4:09 of the first round at Strikeforce: Marquardt vs. Saffiedine in Oklahoma City on Saturday night. Now the Iranian-born Netherlands resident is a move to the UFC's 205-pound division. Mousasi has incurred but one loss since August 26, 2006 and looks to have the ability to succeed in the toughest MMA promotion. How he'll apply that ability in the UFC's competitive light heavyweight class, however, remains to be seen. Mousasi is 3-1-1 in his Strikeforce run. The final Strikeforce event took place on Saturday, and the futures for a lot of fighters are on the line.

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NBA: Chalmers' 3-point barrage lifts Heat, Magic stop skid with win over Clippers



Miami Heat guard Mario Chalmers (L) drives to the basket against Sacramento Kings center DeMarcus Cousins

SACRAMENTO (AFP) - Mario Chalmers tied a Miami club record with 10 three-pointers on Saturday in the

Heat's 128-99 NBA rout of the Sacramento Kings.

Chalmers, whose 34 points were a career-high, connected on 10 of his 13 long-range attempts to tie the mark set by Brian Shaw on April 8, 1993.

LeBron James added 20 points, seven assists and five rebounds for reigning NBA champions Miami, who had lost their previous two games.

Isaiah Thomas finished with a career-best 34 points and five assists for the Kings, who have lost four straight games amid reports that the team could be sold to a group that would relocate them to Seattle.

Miami led by at least 18 points and by as many as 38 during the third quarter and took a 103-72 lead into the fourth period.

Chalmers was the only Miami starter to remain in the game in the final frame, making two more three-pointers to tie Shaw's franchise

record. He said he asked coach Erik Spoelstra to give him the chance.

"I had asked Spo to put me back in," Chalmers said. "I knew what the record was and I just wanted to go in there and try and beat the record."

The win followed defeats for the Heat at Indianapolis and Portland. Their road trip continues on Monday at Utah, and with back-to-back games on Wednesday and Thursday at Golden State and the Los Angeles Lakers.

And in Los Angeles, Arron Afflalo scored 30 points and JJ Redick added 21, including the go-ahead three-pointer with 42 seconds left, to lift Orlando to a 104-101 NBA victory Saturday over the Los Angeles Clippers.

"Our team deserved this one, we cut down the turnovers and played for 48 minutes," said Orlando coach Jacque Vaughn, whose team snapped a 10-game losing streak. "Today we put it together and things went our way."

Afflalo scored 23 points in the second half on the way to matching his season-high points total, and also delivered seven rebounds and seven as-

sists.

Nikola Vucevic scored 18 points and grabbed 15 rebounds in the Magic's first victory since December 19.

Blake Griffin scored 30 points with eight rebounds and seven assists for the Clippers, who nevertheless saw their 13-game home winning streak end.

Chris Paul contributed 10 points, 16 assists and four steals for Los Angeles, while Jamal Crawford scored 13 points off the bench in a defeat that Clippers coach Vinny Del Negro called "embarrassing" after Los Angeles squandered a 57-49 half-time lead.

Redick's three-pointer with 42 seconds left gave the Magic their first lead of the game, 102-99, and Orlando didn't relinquish the advantage.

Crawford had a chance to tie the game as time expired but was off-target from three-point



Arron Afflalo #4 of the Orlando Magic goes up for the layup against Blake Griffin #32 of the Los Angeles Clippers

range.

"Embarrassing performance, we got beat in every aspect," Del Negro said. "We let them hang around and we got what we deserved. Very disappointed in our effort."



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